

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A mobile station, comprising:

communication circuitry for processing wireless communication signals;
audio processing circuitry for converting between sound and audio signal and for receiving sound from a microphone and for producing sound to a speaker;

logic to prompt the mobile station to generate signaling to a communication network element to complete call setup including completing connection of a voice channel and further to mute the microphone even though the voice channel is connected;

logic to prompt the mobile station to prompt a called party to take the call after a specified period of time as a reminder that a calling party is on hold; and

logic circuitry for prompting the mobile station to transmit a request to a mobile switching center to further prompt an interactive voice response system to play that a specified message ~~be played~~ to the calling party to advise the calling party that it is being placed on hold and that the called party will be taking the call shortly, wherein the mobile station only transmits the request if the called party depressed a select button or key while being alerted that a call was coming in for the called party.

26. (Previously Presented) The mobile station of claim 25 wherein the logic circuitry also is for prompting the mobile station to transmit an indication that the called party is ready to take the call.

27. (Previously Presented) The mobile station of claim 25 wherein the select button is a keypad number button.

28. (Currently Amended) A mobile station, comprising:
communication circuitry for processing wireless communication signals;
audio processing circuitry for converting between sound and audio signal and for receiving sound from a microphone and for producing sound to a speaker;
logic to prompt the mobile station to prompt a called party to take the call after a specified period of time has elapsed as a reminder that a calling party is on hold; and
logic circuitry for prompting the mobile station to complete call connection including the voice channel and further to mute the microphone until the called party takes the call to prevent audio transmission over the voice channel until the called party takes the call and to transmit a message to the calling party to advise the calling party that the called party will be taking the call shortly.
29. (Previously Presented) The mobile station of claim 4 wherein the message is only transmitted if the called party depressed a select button or key while being alerted that a call was coming in for the called party.
30. (Previously Presented) The mobile station of claim 5 wherein the microphone is muted until the called party depresses a select key indicating that he is ready to take the call.
31. (Previously Presented) The mobile station of claim 5 wherein the speaker is muted until the called party depresses a select key indicating that he is ready to take the call.
32. (Previously Presented) A method for connecting a call placed by a calling party to a called party having a multi-line capable phone, comprising:
receiving an indication that a call is to be setup with the called party;
receiving an indication of the called party number;
determining a serving node for the called party;
transmitting call set up signals to the serving node;
connecting a first call to the called party;
receiving an indication that a second call is to be setup with the called party;

producing an indication to the called party that a second call is being received while the first call is still in progress;

receiving an indication from the called party to place the calling party on hold; and

responding to a called party indication by triggering an IVR to play a select message to the calling party to advise the calling party that the called party will be taking the call shortly.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 further including providing instructions to the calling party to give directions for leaving a message to get off of hold.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 further including providing a reminder to the called party that the second call is still on hold.